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**RESPONSE TO SECOND RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set out in the Office Action dated August 18, 2006, Applicants thank the Examiner for recognizing and correcting his error.

The Examiner has now required selection of Group I, claims 160-167, drawn to methods of storing information, or Group II, Claims 168-200 drawn to storage devices. These groups do not correspond to the recited claims. Perhaps the Examiner meant Group Ia, Claims 160-166 drawn to methods of storing information and Group IIa, Claims 167-200 drawn to storage devices. On this basis and in the interest of speeding prosecution, Applicant provisionally elect Group Ia, Claims 160-166, with the provision that if we have misunderstood Examiners intent, we request a revised restriction requirement.

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Respectfully submitted,

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